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SUBJECT: CABINET-SHUFFLE RUMORS CONTINUE

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1. REPORTS OF COMING CABINET CHANGES ARE CONTINUING, WITH BELEAGUERED LABOR MINISTER JIMENEZ DE PARGA AS BEFORE (REFTEL) AT THE TOP OF THE CONDEMNED LIST. IN FACT, A PSOE LEADER HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ ASSURED PSOE LEADER GONZALEZ JIMENEZ DE PARGA WOULD GO; THE TIMING, HOWEVER, REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST ROUND OF RUMORS, THE OPENING OF THE LABOR SLOT, ALONG WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF NAMING A NEW CORTES RELATIONS MINISTER, WOULD PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR OTHER CHANGES WHICH COULD ALSO INVOLVE THE SENSITIVE INTERIOR POSITION. THE MOST RECENT GLOSS ON THAT SPOT IS THAT MARTIN VILLA WOULD IN FACT PREFER TO LEAVE THE JOB BECAUSE IT IS SO HARD FOR AN INTERIOR MINISTER TO AVOID BEING POLITICALLY BURNED, WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION, CONSCIOUS OF HOW EFFECTIVE MARTIN VILLA AS INTERIOR MINISTER CAN BE FOR THE GOVT IN PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL

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POLITICS AND UNSURE OF HOW TO REPLACE HIM, WOULD PREFER HE STAY ON. ONE RUMORED POSSIBILITY: THAT HE WOULD SHIFT TO THE LABOR JOB, AND BE REPLACED BY EITHER SUAREZ ADVISOR SALVADOR SANCHEZ-TERAN, MADRID CIVIL GOVERNOR JUAN JOSE ROSON, OR--IF A MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE WERE CONSIDERED WANTED--THE RESPECTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CIVIL GUARD, LT. GEN. ANTONIO IBANEZ. FURTHER SPECULATION

HAS PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER GARRIGUES WALKER DEPARTING,
PERHAPS TO BE REPLACED BY A MEMBER OF THE BASQUE-CATALAN
GROUP SUCH AS TRIAS FARGAS OF BARCELONA.

3. COMMENT: SOME LIMITED CHANGE IN THE CABINET SEEMS
LIKELY. PRESUMABLY, AS WELL AS REMOVING JIMENEZ DE PARGA,
THE GOVT WOULD STILL LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO BRING IN
BASQUE/CATALAN REPRESENTATION TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION
IN THE CORTES. EATON

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